

1-1 By: Raymond, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 3401  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2013;  
 1-3 May 9, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
 1-4 and Human Services; May 15, 2013, reported favorably by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Deuell	X			
1-9 Huffman	X			
1-10 Nichols	X			
1-11 Schwertner			X	
1-12 Taylor	X			
1-13 Uresti	X			
1-14 West	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to nutrition and wellness education for certain recipients  
 1-20 of certain state benefits.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 531.0995 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 531.0995. NUTRITION AND WELLNESS EDUCATION. (a) This  
 1-25 section applies to individuals receiving benefits under:

1-26 (1) the financial assistance program under Chapter 31,  
 1-27 Human Resources Code;

1-28 (2) the medical assistance program under Chapter 32,  
 1-29 Human Resources Code; or

1-30 (3) the supplemental nutrition assistance program  
 1-31 under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code.

1-32 (b) The commission shall work with community-based  
 1-33 organizations to encourage individuals receiving benefits to  
 1-34 access readily available and existing online information and  
 1-35 programs, including information provided on the commission's  
 1-36 website, that provide nutrition and wellness education for the  
 1-37 purpose of promoting healthy eating habits and a physically active  
 1-38 lifestyle.

1-39 (c) Not later than January 1, 2015, the commission shall  
 1-40 report to the legislature on the use of nutrition and wellness  
 1-41 education information provided on the commission's website. The  
 1-42 report must include:

1-43 (1) feedback from clients on the effectiveness of the  
 1-44 information accessed; and

1-45 (2) any available data on the number of individuals  
 1-46 who accessed the information.

1-47 (d) The executive commissioner may adopt rules to implement  
 1-48 this section.

1-49 (e) This section expires September 1, 2015.

1-50 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
 1-51 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
 1-52 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
 1-53 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
 1-54 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
 1-55 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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